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In re Application of: B. D. Pietras
Serial No.: Unassigned
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For: Methods and Apparatus for
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 2, line 1, please delete "or 2".

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, please delete "claims 2 to 4" and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 6, line 1, please delete "claims 2 to 5", and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 7, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, please delete "or 11" and insert.